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#### **Field Crops**

Cotton setting bolls is 97 percent complete, behind last year's 99 percent and the five-year average of 99 percent. Cotton conditions are good to excellent. Harvesting is underway in the Yuma area. Most alfalfa is in fair to good condition. Harvesting is active on over three-fourths of the State's acreage.

### **Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops**

Arizona growers shipped miscellaneous melons this week.

#### Range & Pasture

Range and pasture conditions vary from very poor to excellent, depending on location. Toward the end of July only 10 percent was rated at good or excellent. Due to August moisture, 61 percent is currently rated good or excellent.

## **Crop Condition**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent		
	- Percent -						
Alfalfa	-	2	38	22	38		
Range and Pasture	19	5	15	41	20		
Cotton Condition	-	-	-	75	25		

## **Crop Progress**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.			
	- Percent -						
Cotton							
<ul> <li>Setting Bolls</li> </ul>	97	95	99	99			
Bolls Opening	45	30	47	49			
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#### **Weather Summary**

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending August 29, ranging from 1 degree below normal at Paloma to 10 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 116 degrees at Paloma and Yuma. The lowest reading at 48 degrees occurred at Grand

Canyon. Precipitation was recorded in 19 of the 22 stations this week. Phoenix received the least at 0.02 inches of precipitation and Tucson received the most at 1.76 inches of precipitation. Five of the 22 weather stations remain at below normal precipitation to date, mostly in the northern areas of the State.

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Aguila Buckeye	Avg. 87	Temper Dep. 1/	•	2010 - A	ugust 29, 20		pitation	
Aguila Buckeye	87	Dep. 1/				Preci	pitation	
Aguila Buckeye	87		High		_ · '	Precipitation		
Aguila Buckeye	87		High I		Past	Jan. 1	Departure	Percent
Buckeye				Low	Week		From Normal	of Normal
•		9	108	71	0.04	8.78	2.3	135
	90	1	112	73	0.51	6.95	2.52	157
Canyon De Chelly	74	3	90	53	0.00	8.16	2.18	136
Coolidge	86	1	109	69	0.17	6.63	1.76	136
Douglas	79	4	97	63	0.21	7.91	-0.86	90
Flagstaff	65	4	82	49	1.24	18.94	4.29	129
Grand Canyon	67	10	86	48	0.38	10.33	-3.3	76
Kingman	84	6	104	61	0.38	4.41	-2.07	68
Marana	86	3	108	72	0.59	8.23	0.86	112
Maricopa	88	1	110	71	1.34	6.26	1.77	139
Paloma	89	-1	116	72	0.62	4.67	0.29	107
Parker	90	2	111	71	0.09	3.7	0.99	137
Payson	75	4	95	60	0.15	15.88	1.94	114
Phoenix	94	4	111	80	0.02	7.27	2.84	164
Prescott	75	7	95	59	0.40	9.44	-3.72	72
Roll	93	3	115	75	0.05	3.39	1.55	184
Safford	79	0	97	63	1.17	10.46	4.76	184
St. Johns	71	2	90	50	0.74	6.52	-0.86	88
Tucson	85	2	106	70	1.76	9.6	2.19	130
Willcox	79	5	101	62	1.30	11.56	3.31	140
Winslow	78	4	95	61	0.00	4.96	0.05	101
Yuma	98	8	116	78	0.00	3.78	1.94	205
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